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TWO ARKANSAS TEACHERS CHOSEN AS NATIONAL AWARDEES FOR PRESIDENTIAL TEACHING AWARD

LITTLE ROCK - On July 1, 2015, the White House announced the winners of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Amanda Jones, a science teacher at Poyen High School in Poyen, Arkansas, and Brian Leonard, a mathematics teacher at Lake Hamilton High School in Percy, Arkansas, are recipients of the 2013 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Jones's profile is available at https://recognition.paemst.org/finalist_profile/32417.

Leonard's profile is available at https://recognition.paemst.org/finalist_profile/32257.

This award is the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers for Grades K–12. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

This year, a national committee of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators selected 108 teachers from the nation to receive the awards.

In addition to a presidential citation, Jones and Leonard will each receive a \$10,000 award and a trip to Washington, D.C. for professional development activities and an awards ceremony. They will also be recognized at the state level during the 2015 Arkansas Curriculum Conference.

Additional information on the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Awards can be found at: <https://www.paemst.org/>

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